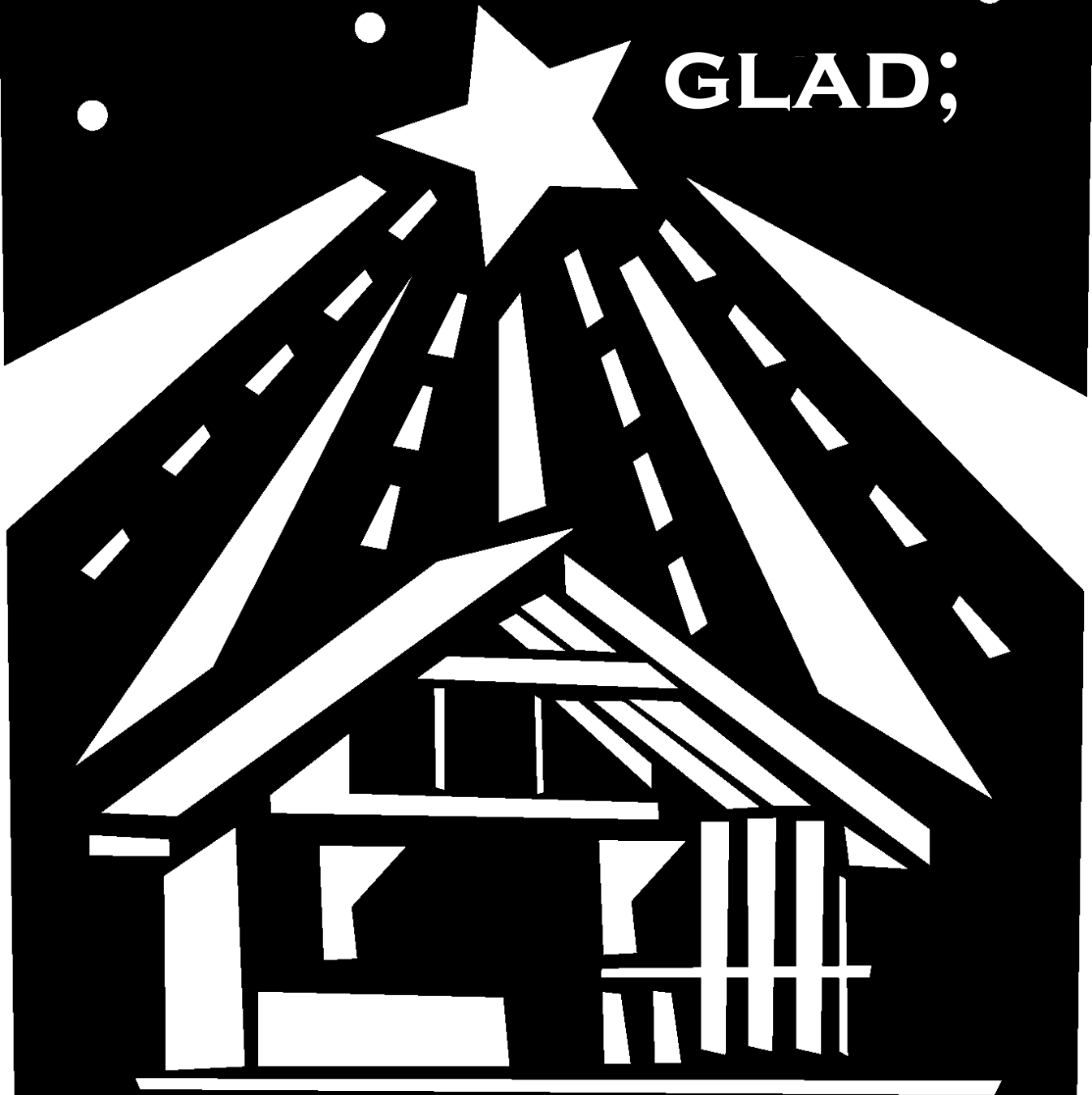


**“LET THE HEAVENS BE  
GLAD;**



**THE EARTH REJOICE.”**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
CHRISTMAS 2011**



455 Hunter Avenue  
West Islip, New York 11795

**Daily Mass**  
8 AM

**Weekend Masses**  
**Saturday:** 5 PM  
**Sunday:** 8 AM, 9:30 AM,  
11 AM, 12:30 PM and 6 PM

**Reconciliation**  
**Saturday:** 4 PM - 4:45 PM

**Rosary**  
Daily after 8 AM Mass

**Miraculous Medal Novena**  
Monday after 8 AM Mass

**Anointing of the Sick**  
Throughout the liturgical year.  
If needed sooner, please call the  
Parish Office.

**Baptism**  
Please contact the Parish Office to  
schedule an appointment.

**Marriage**  
Arranged at least six months in  
advance, please call the Parish Office.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of  
Adults(RCIA)** A process to be  
embraced by the Catholic Church. For  
non-Catholics and for Catholics who  
have never received formal religious  
education. If interested, please call the  
Parish Office.

*Welcome to our Parish Family!*

*New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as  
members of our parish family.*

*Please call or visit our Parish Office.*

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## *Mission Statement*

*As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of  
Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place.  
Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or  
race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide  
a place of welcome and hospitality.*

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## *Vision...*

*so that all may know that they are a vital part of the Body of  
Christ, we further recommit and challenge ourselves to...*

***Live** out our Baptismal call passionately by caring for all  
of God's people with justice.*

***Grow** in an understanding of God's role in each of our lives.*

***Respond** to the Gospel in a radical way, inviting and  
inspiring all to form the Kingdom of God in every  
moment of life.*

***Acknowledge** we are not complete without the willingness to  
grow, discern and discover the Spirit who moves and guides us.*

## *Pastoral Team*

**Rev. Michael A. Vetrano**  
Pastor

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**Rev. Patsy Amabile**  
Associate Pastor

**Rev. Robert Scheckenback**  
Associate Pastor

**Rev. Ambrose Cabildo**  
In Residence

**Rev. Michael Holzmann**  
In Residence

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**Deacon John DeGuardi**

**Deacon Tom Lucie**

**Deacon Jack Meehan**  
Coordinator of Stewardship

**Deacon John Teufel**

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School Principal

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Business Manager

**Robin Reynolds-Brennan**  
Coordinator of Worship  
OLL Choir Director

**Vita Scorcia**  
Ministry Spiritual Director

**Sr. Betty Toohig**  
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Diane Ackerly  
Stacie Baltrusitis

Mary Borgs  
Lisa Cantalino

Sonia DaSilva  
Nilo DeLeon

Jerry Esposito  
Trish Frodell

Rosalie Mangels  
Maryellen McKee

Deacon Jack Meehan  
John Muldoon

Bob Natale  
Eileen Rega

Vita Scorcia  
Fr. Mike Vetrano

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## *Parish Staff*

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Director of Youth Choirs

**Michael Buonaspina**  
Parish Organist

**Jennifer Gallagher**  
Women's Chorale Director

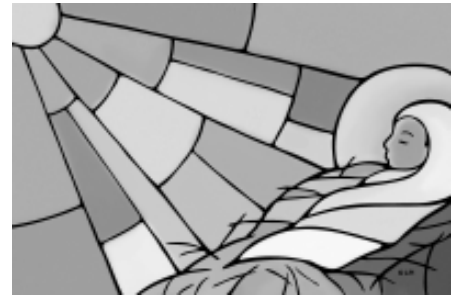
**Mary Anne Lettieri**  
Parish Office

**Debbie Meyer**  
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**Rosemary Multer**  
School Office

**Rita Spera**  
Religious Education Office

**Lori Walsh**  
Parish Office



### **Parish Office**

661.3224 (*option 1*)

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Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

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**fax:** 661.7143

**website:** [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)

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587.7200 (*option 2*)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

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### **Religious Education Office**

661.5440 (*option 3*)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

**email:** [ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org)

### **Parish Outreach Office**

661.9262 (*option 4*)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

9:30 AM - 3 PM

### **S.A.G.E.**

661.3224, ext. 122

**(Senior Advocates for Growth  
and Enrichment)**

**email:** [Sage@ollchurch.org](mailto: Sage@ollchurch.org)

*Welcome...*

*to Our Lady of Lourdes!*

We are so happy to welcome everyone who has come to worship with us today! Whether you have come a long distance or you live locally, we are glad that you have decided to spend some time with us as we worship our Lord together. Please know that your presence today is a blessing to our parish family.

*Would you like to know more about our parish family?*

All are welcome at Our Lady of Lourdes and we do our best to reach out to everyone.

If you would like more information about our parish or if you would like one of our team to be in touch with you, please fill this form out and place it in any collection or offering basket, mail it to us, or send an email to [parishoffice@ollchurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@ollchurch.org)

*Welcome...*

*to Our Lady of Lourdes!*



*I would like information about:*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Our Parish Catholic School         | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education                           |
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I would prefer to be contacted by:

Phone at: \_\_\_\_\_ Email at: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail at: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## No Room at the Inn

This year at the beginning of Advent, we were privileged to welcome musician / composer Dan Schutte to an evening of prayer and music at our parish. As part of his presentation, Dan told a great story about Christmas that helps me to understand what this feast is all about.

It seems there was a boy who wanted to be one of the actors in his parish's Christmas pageant. Seems simple, but this was no simple boy. His many educational, intellectual, and emotional challenges would make it difficult for him to carry out the role. He was chosen for an easy part – he would be the innkeeper and he would have only one line: "There is no room at the inn."

So everyone tried to pull together to help him with the task. The director gave him extra time in practice. His school teachers worked with him and every night his parents rehearsed that line over and over again.

Finally the big day arrived. Mary and Joseph walked up to the inn and knocked on the door. The innkeeper, as precisely and perfectly as any Broadway actor, spoke his famous line: "**There is no room at the inn!**" Everyone slumped back into their seats in relief. And then, just as Mary and Joseph turned away in anxious disappointment, it seemed as if the tragedy of his words struck the innkeeper. He looked pained and panicked and in a moment of prophetic improvisation said: "**But you can stay at my house!**"

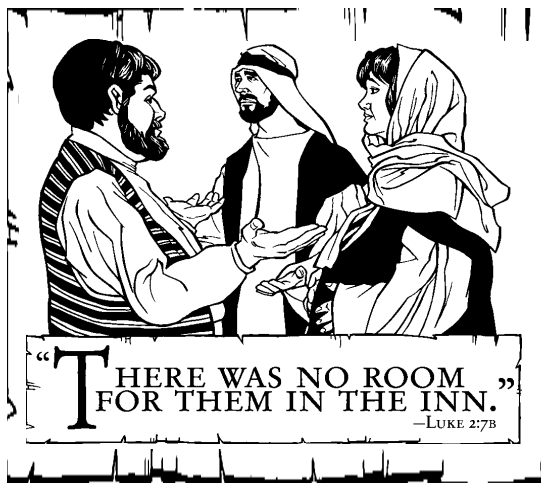
As we tell the Christmas story over and over, I wonder how many times the tragedy of it all comes home to us. God knocked at the door and there was no room. I wonder if we understand that the Christmas story is more about the way things should be than the way they were or are. How many of the world's problems go back to closed doors, closed hearts, and closed lives. How different the world would be if each of us, in our own way, were able to say – But you can stay at my house – to someone lost, lonely, friendless, troubled.

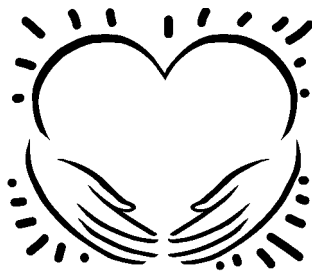
Those who knock on the door are everywhere. There are lonely people in our families. There are challenged and challenging people in our communities and workplaces. There are the many that knock on our nation's door for help. You and I are the innkeepers. The gospel asks us to recognize the humanity, the godliness of all who knock at any door for our help. It is always God who knocks on our door. That is the mystery and miracle of Christmas – the Incarnation. Here at the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes, we try to live by a simple but challenging statement of our mission: All are welcome. We live this out in our worship, in our ministries of education and spiritual formation and, of course, in our outreach to the poor and needy in our world and in our own community. We try as a parish to say the innkeeper's words to everyone who comes here – but you can stay at my house.

I am so glad that you are here today. You are a vital part of the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is in you that Christ is born today. I wish you, and all those you love, a blessed and joyful Christmas.

Fr. Mike

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano  
Pastor





## Pep 4 Program

Our fourth graders are halfway through the classroom part of their program. We're preparing a special family celebration in January – and we're planning to have the children speak about their experience as pilgrims vs. nomads and how that impacts their spiritual growth. We also collected about 400 children's books which have gone to the Learning Connection in Brentwood — an educational venue for women learning English as a second language. Many of them never had a book of their own, and they want to be able to read to their children. Our wonderful youngsters not only brought in their favorite books, but wrote letters to the children who would receive them. Who knows – a pen-pal exchange might begin! I'm very proud of them!

## Pep 3 Program

After our "fishing trip" with Father Bob in the fall (did you know that the qualities of a good fisherman are the same ones needed for a good disciple?), we're looking forward to the beginning of the classroom part of the program, which begins in January, with a great bagel breakfast! All are welcome after the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, January 22.



## Pep 2 Program

Our Pep 2 students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this fall, and will begin their Eucharist preparation after the Christmas vacation. They have been very earnest about their participation in class, at home and at weekly worship. They are really great at singing their "Vine and Branch" song, too!



## Pep 1 Program



Our Pep 1 classes are a beehive of activity! This group of students wins the prize for being great friends of Jesus! They are so bright that I thought the 4th graders came in their place! Watch for upcoming news of the great things they will be doing in the coming weeks!

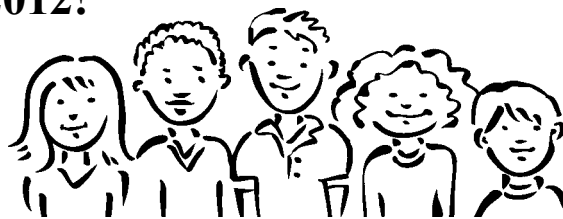
## New Kindergarten Program

### *SPECIAL K*

Watch the bulletin after Christmas for news of an upcoming program for kids of Kindergarten age. Plans are in the works for a special afternoon program – Friday at about 4:30 PM in the Church. We hope to provide some fun ideas for families to work on with young children to help them celebrate holy days and other events on a level that they can understand. More to come — we're under construction!

## Are You Ready...Get set... in 2012!

### Look at those 7th Graders... these kids are THE BEST



The 7th Graders in our parish family know how to love and serve...  
and feel that sense of belonging.

As part of their Service Projects they help and learn more about our Ministries at OLL...

- Hosted refreshments for the Mass of Remembrance with Ministry of Consolation
- Packaged and gave Bread out on Thanksgiving Day with our Liturgy Committee
- Organized our missalettes/Music Issues for our Parish Family
- Helped put Advent Tags on our Parish Giving Tree and helped organize the presents for Parish Outreach
- Hosted refreshments for our St. Nicholas Night and Christmas Pageant
- Helped Art and Environment Ministry decorate our Church, All-Purpose Room and cafeteria



### Grade 8... they're great

All Grade 8 Confirmation Candidates will meet with their Sponsors... for...  
**RESCUE...** "*Religious Education Sponsor Candidate United Effort*"...with a kick-off some Sunday afternoons in January .

This night of prayer and reflection will provide them with an opportunity to learn about their new roles as sponsors and candidates, hear personal reflections about what it means to be a sponsor and commit to take a more active role in this process. Each evening will conclude with Sunday's 6 PM Mass. Look for them Sunday, January 8, 22, and 29. Sponsors and candidates plan to meet together three times on their own... including doing some service together. Sponsors and candidates work together at a soup kitchen or cook a meal for a soup kitchen, help an elder adult, help with Parish Outreach, etc., etc. Let's continue to pray for our parish's Confirmation Candidates.

## GRADES 6/7/8... Hang Out Nites

**Don't miss it...**

**Fridays...January 20, February 17, May 18, June 8**

- We have CONNECT !
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- And more

PLUS PRIZES and RAFFLES

They continue to serve those in need... they care...every month Grade 6/7/8 bring food/paper goods/and or \$1.00 for our Parish Food Pantry... wreaths decorated by our Hang Out Kids were given to our families who received "Giving Tree Gifts"... They're GREAT, too!!

## Our Lady of Lourdes School

# Our Doors are Always Open



**Visit our classes in session-  
Have your child team up with a buddy for a day!**

### ***What Makes Us Different?***

NEW Fully Stocked Science Lab & Media Center, SmartBoard, Piano/Guitar/Violin/Dance Lessons Included in Curriculum, Italian and Spanish Language, Enrichment Clubs, Student Government, Classroom Laptops, Sports Program, Student run TV Studio, Before and After Care, 8th Grade Academy of Inquiry in partnership with Stony Brook Medical School, Distance Learning with NASA, and Virtual Field Trips from Nursery through 8th Grade

**Early Childhood Programs beginning at 2 years old!**

**2012 -2013 Rolling Registration  
Stop in or call to make an appointment**

**Testimonial:** *"My daughter is in the fifth grade and is in her first year at OLL. I am so very pleased with the challenges that fifth grade has given her so far. This has been such a positive change for my daughter. All her teachers have challenged her to do her very best and to not settle for less. I know she has only been here for a few months, but if this is any indication of what she is to expect in the coming years, we are in for a wonderful ride!"*

- B. Molina

**Phone: 631.587.7200 ext.100**

**Fax: 631.587.4531**

**Please visit our Website: [www.ollschool.org](http://www.ollschool.org)**



## Donations to Outreach

*Parish Outreach has received many donations.*

### December Donations 2011

- Dottie Perdue has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Ruth Hiller*.
- Anne Basso has made a donation to Outreach in honor of *John Sureau's Ordination*.
- Joe and Barbara Catuosco, the Frodell Family, Catherine Goldstein, Diane Garretson, Regina Mirabella, the Paprocky Family, Pat McKeefery, Josie Melton, the Buonaspinga Family, Lori Cotellessa, Elizabeth Bracken, Kathleen Morris, Andy and Margaret Goetschkes, Barbara and Bob Evans, the Parish Family of the Church of St. Anne, Garden City, Michael and Dawn Prate, have made a donation to Outreach in *honor of Fr. John Sureau*.
- Doris and Richard Shaddock have made a Christmas donation in loving memory of their children, *Baby and Richard Joseph*.
- Alexander and Anastasia MacGregor have made a Christmas donation to Outreach in loving memory of their son, *Alexander MacGregor III*.
- Francoise Heim has made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of *William Heim* and *in gratitude for prayers answered on the safe return of JD Montefusco*.
- Regina Mirabella has made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of her husband, *Peter*, and her grandson *Mario*-may God keep them both in His loving care.
- Outreach had received a donation in loving memory of *Pat and John Wallace*.
- Anne and Marty Kerrigan have made donations of Christmas Gifts to Outreach in loving memory of *Kathleen Kerrigan, Fred Scheckenback, Joseph Lehmann, Billy Larkin, Mary Kate Szokoli, Kauko Niemi, Leo Beni, Elizabeth Kiernan, Mary Carney, Joanie Melville, Dominic Natali, Sister Mary Sullivan, Bernadette Tuma*.
- Clifford Proctor has made a donation to Outreach in honor of *St. Anthony*.
- George and Christine Botz have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Peter and Tess Tkachuk*.
- Dorothy Perdue has made a donation to Outreach in honor of *The Thursday Morning Breakfast Bunch*.
- The Fasano Family has made a *Christmas Donation* to Outreach.
- Angela Moore has made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of her husband, *John F. Moore III*.

*If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Mary McMahon, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 661.3224, option 4.*

# Baptism

Izabella Alaine Cuba

Nicholas and Kristin



## Solemnity of Mary

The Church gathers on Saturday, December 31 and Sunday, January 1 to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary  
*(not a holy day of obligation this year).*

*We'll celebrate the Solemnity of Mary on...*

**Saturday, December 31 at 5 PM (vigil)**

**Sunday, January 1 at 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 PM and 6 PM.**

Please come and pray with us!



## Christmas Poster Contest Holy Name Society Diocesan Union *"Christmas is Jesus' Birthday"*

Every year posters are made by students up to eighth grade, from all over the Diocese of Rockville Centre, including children from our School and Parish.

The Award Ceremony this year will be sponsored by Our Lady of Lourdes, and be held here in our school cafeteria on Sunday, January 8, 2012 from 2 PM-5 PM. The former President for Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Name Society, *Ronald Koras*, will be honored posthumously, with the award for Outstanding Service-Man of the Year, by the Diocesan Union.

Please join us in honoring Ron and celebrating the faith of our young people. The posters submitted this year were beautifully made, and show that our children still know the meaning of Christmas. Mark your calendars-

***Sunday, January 8, 2012 from 2 PM to 5 PM in the school cafeteria.***

# Remembering...

## Monday, December 26

*Saint Stephen, first martyr*

8:00 AM Steven Perone

## Tuesday, December 27

*Saint John, apostle and evangelist*

8:00 AM Pat Wilock

## Wednesday, December 28

*The Holy Innocents, martyrs*

8:00 AM Charles Homann

## Thursday, December 29

*St. Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr*

8:00 AM Dan Rizzi (*living*)

## Friday, December 30

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

8:00 AM Gregory Tuttle

## Saturday, December 31

8:00 AM Joseph Zotto, Louis Montanino

5:00 PM Charles Neuman (*Happy 100th Birthday*)

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

## Sunday, January 1

*Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

8:00 AM John Lovari

*Fr. Pat Amabile*

9:30 AM John Begg

*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

11:00 AM Joseph & Patricia Santangelo

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

12:30 PM John Winthers

*Fr. Michael Holzmann*

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Anthony Crisci, William Tesauro,  
Carl Hotton, Elizabeth Legoff

*Fr. Pat Amabile*

## *Altar Bread and Wine*

In Lovng Memory of *Gertrude R. Johnson*



## *Rest In Peace*

*We pray for our family, friends and loved ones who have died and are deeply missed during this blessed and holy season.*

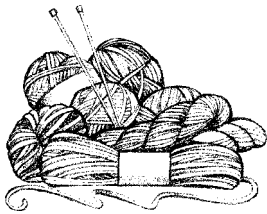
## SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, January 3**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

## Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month.

The next meeting will be **Monday, January 9**. We will begin with **Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Church** followed by **meeting at 8 PM in the Parish Center**.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Bring your prayer and creativity together in a gift of love.*

**Join us ...**

**Wednesday, January 11 at 9:30 AM in the Parish Center**. All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.

## Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of January will be on **Wednesday, January 11 from 1-3 PM**. All are invited and welcome! We will be praying for our children, our country, our men and women in the military and our clergy.



## Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, January 7**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.

## Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society invites the men of our parish, young and old, to join us. We can use the wisdom of the older men and the energy and fresh ideas of our younger men.

The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, January 8**. We will begin with the **Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church** and the **meeting will follow the 8 AM Mass at 9 AM in Room 16**.

Stop by, ALL ARE WELCOME!

## Support Groups

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Monday and Tuesday at 8 PM and Saturday at 2 PM and 7 PM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.

**ALANON:** Each Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level. (Free babysitting available)

## Adult Faith Formation

### Fit for the King

*“Walking in Divine Health”*

presented by Dr. Rick Hess

Tuesdays - January 10, 17, 24, 31, and  
February 7, 2012

7:30 PM

Parish Center

A health and wellness program that asks the questions:

*How can you be the best steward of the healthy body God intended for you?*

Topics to include: *Walking in Divine Health, Foods that Empower, Foods that Devour, Great Health is about Great Healing, Cancer-proof Your Life, Ruling and Reigning Over Stress.*

*There is a \$5 fee for each session. No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition.*

*Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. To register, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to [religioused@ollchurch.org](mailto:religioused@ollchurch.org).*



### Men’s Prayer Group-evening

An evening men’s prayer group! It will be held once a month, on the third Tuesday of each month from 7:30 PM until 8:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center. The next meeting will be **Tuesday night, January 17**. Come with your ideas. We’ll read and discuss the Liturgy for the following Sunday Mass.

For more information, call Bob Natale at 893.3041, Charles Zeiss at 669.7189 or Cliff Proctor at 669.3198.

### Men’s Prayer Group-morning

*An Invitation to all men from OLL and beyond...*

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection after 8 AM Mass on **Thursday, January 19, in the Parish Center**. We meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday. Come with your ideas and suggestions. We’ll gather for conversation and fellowship. Join us in this pioneering experience for men. Call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548 for more information.

### Prayer for Divine Mercy

*An invitation to all men and women to be part of God’s plan.*

We invite you to meet in prayer for the world and our nation to put their trust in God. Our hope is that the nations will have a new spirit of morality.

Please come with your love and hope for humanity as well as your prayer requests.

We gather together every **Thursday at 1:30 PM before the Blessed Sacrament** for about one half hour. For more information, call Charles Argento at 586.8528.

# CHRIST *is born in our* HEARTS



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## Nativity of the Lord

"Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord." This is our response to the psalm today. At first some sticklers for English grammar might take exception to the present tense in the sentence. After all, wasn't Jesus born more than two thousand years ago? Yes, that's true. In Bethlehem in Judah in a stable a child was born. He was heralded by angels and honored by shepherds. He was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, hardly an auspicious beginning for the King of all the world.

But Christmas is much more than remembering the birth of a child two millennia ago. That is because his birth has real effects for each of us today! The birth of Christ affects our lives. That is why we proclaim, "Today is born our Savior."

Think about it. In the run up to Christmas many of us opened our hearts and our wallets to those in need. Why did we do that? We did it because we believe what Jesus taught us: to love our neighbor as ourselves. In doing so, Christ is born in our hearts.

Many of us sent greeting cards with good wishes to others. Why did we do that? Because we believe what Jesus taught us: to announce the good news to others. In doing so, Christ is born in our hearts.

We come to worship on Christmas day just as we do on any Sunday. Why do we do that? Because we believe what Jesus taught us: to love God with all our heart, and mind, and soul. In doing so, Christ is born in us.

When Christ is born in us, he is born again in the world. As men and women baptized in his name, we carry him in our hearts to others: to those who walk in darkness, to those who are burdened, to those who feel forsaken. Today is born our Savior! 2011 Liturgical Publications Inc

### Readings for the Week of December 25, 2011

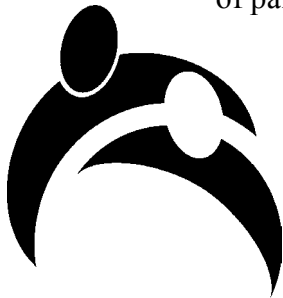
<b>Sunday:</b>	<i>Vigil:</i> Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 <i>or</i> 1:18-25 <i>Midnight:</i> Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 <i>Dawn:</i> Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 <i>Day:</i> Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 <i>or</i> 1:1-5, 9-14
<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
<b>Friday:</b>	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 <i>or</i> Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 <i>or</i> Col 3:12-21 <i>or</i> 3:12-17 <i>or</i> Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 <i>or</i> 2:22, 39-40
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Pat Wissing*.  
If you would like to help care for our altar needs,  
please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

## Pastoral Care of Our Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 to leave the names  
of parishioners who:



- are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist.
- are in Good Samaritan Hospital and would like to be visited by a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry.
- would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

## Pray for Our Sick

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers ...

*Joseph Badala, Jr., Nicole Cerny, Mildred Collado, Peggy Cook, Eddie Cronin, Jeanne Marie DellaRagione, Frank Edwards, William Farley, Jake Feldman, Elizabeth Fredriksen, Kenneth Garretson, Baby Gavin Gradiska, Florence Grigonis, James Grillo, Sr., Baby Peter Horyczun, Marie Impellizeri, Peter Joseph, Robyn Kerrigan, Baby Jonathan J. Lavin, Anne Losee, Christopher J. Maher, Marge Marotta, Tony Marotta, Vicky Massaro, John McNevin, Margaret Meringolo, Denise Michelback, Arlene Monte, Rae Morris, Patricia Muller, Andy Nolfo, Evelyn Nonnon, Frances Parine, Peter Porzio, Joe Radosti, Teresa Saraceno, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Baby Isabella Shaw, Angelo Tedesco, Nancy Turano, Joseph Yezek, Louie Zaino*

## Women of Hope

*You are Invited to Attend our Champagne Luncheon*

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School will be celebrating the Sixth Annual Women of Hope Champagne Luncheon on **Sunday, February 5, 2012 at 11 AM** at the Timber Point Country Club in Great River. Tickets are \$75.00 per person and there are journal opportunities as well. Please contact the Development Office at 587.8000 x 177 to receive a formal invitation. RSVP by February 1 as seating is limited and by reservation only.

**Congratulations to the 2012 Women of Hope Honorees**

**Lisa Dicarlo Yancigay '81**, *Alumna and Parent*, **Kathy Lehmann Holland**, *Alumna and Parent*, **Loyda Goodbody**, *World Language Faculty Member*, and **Ann Munkwitz**, *Parent*.

## Contemplative Outreach of Long Island/Queens

Presents An Enrichment Day With Darlene Eason

A unique biblical presentation of the Parable of the Potter & the Clay. As the message unfolds, God's Love for us comes into focus.

**When: January 21, 2012**

**Where: Parish Center - 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Donation: \$25**

Please bring a bag lunch. For further information, please call: Diane Garretson 587.0966

## Good Samaritan Prayer Group of L.I.

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group of Long Island holds their **meetings every Friday** (*except the first Friday of the month*)

**at OLL School in Room 16 from 8 PM until 10 PM.** All are welcome to experience singing, praying and fellowship each evening.

## Religion & Rock

Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is "**Christmas Special.**" Don't miss it!

To listen online or receive more information regarding "Religion & Rock" go to [www.religionandrock.com](http://www.religionandrock.com) or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES. Don't forget to tune into TELECARE, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 for the Best in Catholic Television!



## Members in the Military

We ask that you pray especially for those in our parish that are on active duty in the Middle East conflict.

They are:

**Kimberly Braun** - *US Army*  
**Bryan R. Dempsey**-*US Marines*  
**Christopher Florca**-*US Marines*  
**Mark Harvey**-*US Coast Guard*  
**Cari Kelly**- *US Air Force*  
**Anthony Mannino**-*US Marines*

...and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.

## Safely Home

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Montefusco Family in gratitude for the safe return of JD from active duty. **JD Montefusco**-*US Marines*, has returned to the United States safe and sound from his tour of duty in Iraq. Thank you, *JD*, for your most generous service to our country!

The Montefusco Family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.



## Poinsettia - Christmas Flower

Looking around our Church today, you can't help but notice the beautiful poinsettias adorning our worship space. Our Parish's Art & Environment Ministry thought you might like to know a little bit of history about this popular Christmas flower.

Poinsettias are native to Mexico where they grow wild like weeds. They were first introduced to the United States in 1825 by amateur botanist, and first ambassador to Mexico, Joel Robert Poinsett, when he brought some cuttings to his plantation in Greenwood, South Carolina.

The plant's association with Christmas began in 16th century Mexico, where legend tells us of a young girl who was too poor to provide a gift for the celebration of Jesus' birthday at her Church. The tale goes that the child was inspired by an angel to gather weeds from the roadside and place them in front of the church altar. Crimson blossoms sprouted from the weeds and became beautiful poinsettias. From the 17th century, Franciscan friars in Mexico included the plants in their Christmas decorations. The star-shaped leaf pattern is said to symbolize the Star of Bethlehem, and the red color represents Jesus' sacrifice for us, through his crucifixion.

The Art & Environment Ministry would like to wish our Parish Family a blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year! If you would like to join us and become a part of "A&E", or to find out more information, please e-mail Jerry Esposito at [art@ollchurch.org](mailto:art@ollchurch.org).

# Christmas

## Flower Offering

*Petrino & Reinbold Families  
Christine Morris  
Viola & Sweeny Families  
Nick Cibelli  
Leona & J. Edmond McCormick  
Joseph & Edith Manley  
Thomas Mingione  
Tess & Peter Tkachuk  
Robert D. Colin  
Colin Family  
Yankel Family  
Eileen Okurowski  
Thomas & Mary Daly  
Bernard & Ada Carroll  
Betty Niedzielski  
Edward, Kathryn & Peter Herger  
Virginia A. Petrino  
Stephen A. Petrino  
Maura N. Dilkes  
ILMO Santa & Frank Quevedo  
Mrs. Amy Finch  
Mrs. Agnes C. Madden  
Mangels & DiGiovanna Family  
Loehr Family  
Marczak & Kosciuck Family  
Agnes Seib  
Jenny Quigley  
Wysoski & Bukiech Families  
Angelo Ferrara  
Andrew "Al" Velten  
Anthony Cannizzaro  
Jack & Yvonne Winthers  
Joseph & Frances Cannizzaro  
Anthony DeVivo  
Josephine & Robert Runnions  
Millie & Anthony DeVivo  
William & Audrey Chartrand  
Charles J. Scheid  
Michael Reilly  
Dec'd mbrs of Bacchi & Bianco  
Family  
Daniel Golden  
M/M Michael Carrano  
Carolyn Wissing  
John R. Hodgkins  
Liantonio/Fernbacher Family*

*Members of the DeGuardi &  
Badamo Families  
Richard M. Devlin, Sr.  
Devlin & Peterson Families  
Mary & Vincent Cannillo  
Frances & John Miglino  
Carmela & Vincent Vieni  
Pasquale DeVivo and daughter,  
Joanne Wolffe  
Leonard & Gertrude Parine  
Kenneth Meyer  
Eugene & Lois Parine  
Phyllis Stehling  
M/M John Meehan  
Frers Family  
Carpenter Family  
Cognato Family  
Mr. Lehmann  
Mr. Walsh  
Mr. Winslow  
Josephine & Carmine Barila  
Fannie & Anthony Messina  
Dec'd mbrs of the Buetow Family  
Gordon & Winberry Families  
Francis Mulligan  
John & Elizabeth Meditz  
M/M Gerard Fogarty  
Dec'd mbrs of MacArthur,  
England, Meehan Families  
Barbara McAdams  
M/M Carmine Telesca  
Dec'd mbrs of Caiati & Angeloro  
Families  
Joseph & Dorista Raimondi  
M/M Ken McIlwaine  
Mary Kaleoduis  
Thomas E. Dowling  
John P. Caparella  
Anne Molloy  
Monica Williams  
Homann & Netska Family  
M/M Frank Parrinello  
ILMO Virginia & Joseph Beno  
Maryann Borsella  
Anthony Borsella  
Chris Romanello*

*Raymond Downey  
Mildred Gangi  
Arthur & Ben Addeo  
Peter & Martha Addeo  
Rosemarie Gianna  
Charlie Tibbetts  
Mom & Dad Crosby  
Mom & Dad Tibbetts  
Richard Hopkins  
DeVivo Family  
Mario Pannunzio  
Laura & Leo Moy  
ILMO Michael & Ann Schnappauf  
ILMO Walter & Helen Cameron  
Sylvester Bonacci  
Capitena & Hilbert Families  
William Kuhlwiln  
Estelle Family  
Dec'd mbrs of Endres & Perdue  
Families  
Castagna & Scaccia, Ferro Family  
Donald Ferguson, Sr.  
Suzanne Ferguson  
Donald Ferguson, Jr.  
Cecelia Ferguson  
JR McKeefery  
Dec'd mbrs of Esposito,  
DellaRatta, & Mollo Families  
M/M Joseph Castiglione  
Salvatore Castiglione  
M/M Andrew Nangano  
Anthony Nangano  
Edward Kelley  
Daniel Flesch  
John Vollmer  
Evelyn Fontaine  
Tori Ann Cohen  
Dec'd mbrs of Loscalzo & Schmitt  
Families  
Biagio Mingoia  
Critchley-Zucco Families  
Joseph Stabile Family  
Daniel DiMonda  
Frances Slayback  
Yvonne Fisco  
My Family*

*Bill Mace  
Peter Roache  
Ray & Joan Udris  
Frank Meyer  
Louis Montanino  
William B. Basso  
Vincent & Grace Capanzano  
Infant Vincent William Lawrence  
Charley Bermingham  
Allocca & D'Aponte Families  
Florence & Thomas Brady  
Josephine Sabella  
IHO Kimberly Braun serving in  
Afghanistan  
Dec'd mbrs of Feliney & Lauria  
Families  
M/M Frank Aparo  
M/M Gerard Clark  
Angela Ciaramella  
Patrick McCarthy  
Darlene Schultheis  
M/M M. Ryan  
Robert J. Boyd  
William Martino Family  
Dieter Wegner Family  
M/M Matthew Kilkelly  
M/M Edwin Hawkins  
M/M Richard Maher  
Harry Hogan, Jr.  
9/11 Victims  
John & Margaret Kopitsch  
Robert P. & Robert J. Wilson  
Those who died in the war for us  
McGuire & Pfeiffer Family  
Father Joe Lukaszewski  
Fr. Bill Shean  
Shillitto & Steffenson Family  
Polik, Macari, Gunther, Austin,  
Hotrovich, Mannzolino &  
Ammirati Families  
Fitzpatrick/Kolkmeier Families  
Marie & Edward Terribile  
Keane & Foley Families  
Winifred Schumacher  
M/M Robert Kaminski  
M/M John Farkas*

*Florence O'Regan  
Edward Hanly  
M/M David Bennett  
Florencia & Carlos Delfin  
John Conzone  
Carole Civile  
Rose & Sal Guastella  
M/M Thomas Livecchi  
Mary Jean Wilkinson  
Mom & Dad  
M/M Malchick  
Mr. Francis Schweitzer  
Eugene Langan  
William Hahn  
Lydia A. Olsen  
Richard H. Howe  
Thomas Ferrara  
Mary & Kevin Cunniffe  
Patrick Cafferty  
M/M Claude Picarelli  
M/M Peter M. Magliocco  
M/M Richard Corsa  
Aniello Bianco  
Paul Ermert  
Flanagan/Reilly Families  
Martin & Elizabeth Lichten  
Jean Ann Gottsch  
Dec'd mbrs of Giuffr  & Pezzuti  
Families  
Stephen & Theresa Duggan  
Thomas J. Ahern  
Winnie Mikoljon  
ILMO Ann Kavanaugh  
Jerry DiCanio  
Charles & Adeline DeLeo  
Kaz & Stella Malaszczyk  
Ann & John Murray  
Francesca & Francesco  
Buquicchio  
Ruth Boucher  
M/M Joseph Napoli  
Marilyn Kolk  
Our Fallen Heroes  
M/M Charles T. Waag  
Mom & Dad  
Joseph Montesanto*

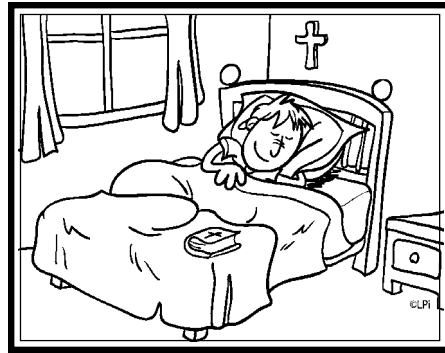
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M/M Ted Scorcia  
Joseph DiMola III  
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Teresa Mante  
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Nala Manno  
M/M Kevin Kilkelly  
Raymond Galella  
M/M Stephen Shelley  
Zitani, Borzell, Shaw, Caulk  
Families  
Liberta Brusca  
Evelyn Albert  
M/M John J. Welch, Jr.  
Joseph Aguanno  
John V. Sullivan  
Christopher Rochford  
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William Knoblich  
Angelo & Rose Paolino, Sr.  
M/M Robert Petersen  
M/M Kevin Murphy  
Robert Beck  
Olsen Family  
James Totans  
M/M Anthony Bruno  
Norbert J. Kucala  
Virginia Rainone  
Rose Strano  
Vincent McGuire  
Victims of 9/11  
Guider/Heartt Family  
Dan & Dick Mancuso  
Peter & Anna Mancuso  
John & Fred Ardolino  
Marie Turfaro  
Joseph Bott  
Dan, Mickey, & Mike Salegna  
Ann Harnos  
Lil Daly  
Lazarich & Ruth Families  
All DeLeon & Espinosa Families  
John Szczecina  
Olga & Eugene Krauss  
M/M Michael Barker

Martin Klein  
Henry Mangold  
Anna, Josef, Otto, & Franz  
Mahler  
Irace/Conte Families  
Dolores J. DiBlasi  
M/M Francisco Castiller  
M/M Frank Grabow  
Wlodkowski & Wojus Family  
Gertrude Sullivan  
Jean Obremski  
Raymond & Agnes Hennessey  
Edith Monaghan  
Hannah & John Greenhalgh  
Nick Sala  
Carmine Martone  
Fred Hofsis  
M/M Eddie Shaffer  
Connie & Carl Jannace  
Sal & Tessie DePetro  
M/M Richard Flynn  
Angela M. Lillis  
M/M John Giambrone  
Family  
M/M Raymond Mascolo  
William Wills  
M/M Joseph Walas  
Mechelina Geddrrie  
Lisa Codispoti  
Dec'd mbrs of Gagliano &  
Pizzella Families  
M/M Robert Wooley  
Rose Small  
Charles A. Brady  
Dominick Stabile  
Buzillio & Mechora Aquino  
M/M Timothy Tamney  
Charles Harvath  
Edgar M. Hill  
Veronica Kenny  
M/M David Brown  
Rose Fodera Genna  
Carl & Janette Correa  
Jack & Laura Dawson  
Joseph Campisi  
Margaret Dugan  
Dec'd mbrs of Watts, Aragona,  
Triolo & Campanella Families

Jane Keegan  
Clara & Pasquale Strocchia  
Anne Catalano  
Carmela Severino  
Carmella Parasole  
Robert Mariani  
M/M Daniel Abraham  
Domenica Ruocco  
O'Rourke & Muldoon Families  
Ellen Finn  
Stanley Gibbs  
Denzler Family  
Frank Harnos, Jr.  
Mary & Edward Baker  
Mary & Frank Harnos  
Margaret & Angelo Callegari  
Sarah Slalley  
M/M Paul Ciccarello  
M/M Mark Florio  
Dec'd mbrs of Colletti & Guarino  
Families  
Peter McCann, Sr.  
Angela LaGiglia  
M/M James Dobson  
M/M Peter Micara  
M/M Joseph Colella  
Ellen Smith  
Immediate & Extended Family  
Joseph Aiello  
Gloria Casciola  
George Jorgensen  
M/M Zbigniew Musial  
Intoci Family  
M/M Michael Poveromo  
M/M Nicholas Cestare  
Ralph P. Amodio  
M/M Robert Punzi  
M/M James Ivers  
M/M Edward Lee  
M/M John Musumeci  
M/M William Sullivan  
Gordon E. McBrien  
Lawrence J. Curreri  
Joan Curreri  
M/M Michael V. Porzio  
Mark Petito  
Koehler & Petito Family

# Sharing the Gospel

Think of the places you sleep when you are away from home. Some kids sleep in hotel beds. Other kids sleep in sleeping bags on the floor. The night Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph were far from their home, too. While angels sang and shepherds visited, their newborn King slept on a bed of hay. It was simple, but all he needed.



## Mission for the Week

If you celebrate Christmas away from home, be thankful for the place where you sleep.

### Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

- |          |        |        |
|----------|--------|--------|
| lited    | fields | Savior |
| engaged  | sheep  | heaven |
| traveled | angel  | peace  |

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anleg      \_\_\_\_\_

peeca      \_\_\_\_\_

enggade      \_\_\_\_\_

seehp      \_\_\_\_\_

hevane      \_\_\_\_\_

trrelvaed      \_\_\_\_\_

Sivoar      \_\_\_\_\_

feldis      \_\_\_\_\_

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### Prayer



God,  
Jesus slept on hay,  
and he was King.  
I am so thankful  
for my comfortable  
pillow!

### Something to Draw



Draw a picture of yourself sleeping next to baby Jesus inside a barn with animals.